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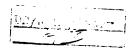
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January 9, 1986

Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, DC 20505



Dear Mr. Casey:

Sections 5.2(b)(2) and (4) of Executive Order 12356 authorize the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) to conduct on-site reviews of the information security programs of executive branch agencies that generate or handle national security information. To comply with the Order's requirements, Harold Mason, ISOO Program Analyst, conducted a review of the information security program in a number of offices in the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) during FY 1985. A list of offices visited is contained in the appendix to the enclosed report. This report complements the report of April 29, 1985.

Mr. Mason examined several aspects of the program at CIA, including classification, security education, and safeguarding. The results of the ISOO review are contained in the enclosed report. Mr. Mason found the CIA offices visited to be in compliance with the Order; however, the CIA has failed to implement the provisions of National Security Decision Directive 84 by failing either to implement the Standard Form 189, Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreement, or to seek a waiver of its use through the ISOO from the National Security Council. tower being Sought

I appreciate the excellent cooperation of If you have any quesother officials with whom Mr. Mason met. tions on the enclosed report, please contact me on 535-7251.

Sincerely,

STEVEN GARFINKEL

Director

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Report of Inspection by the Information Security Oversight Office of the Central Intelligence Agency

I. General

During Fiscal Year 1985, Harold Mason, Program Analyst, Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), inspected five offices in the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), to evaluate their information security program and their compliance with Executive Order 12356 and ISOO implementing Directive No. 1. Agency Security Classification Officer, assisted Mr. Mason during the course of the inspection and coordinated with the offices inspected. A list of offices inspected is included in the appendix. This report complements the report of April 29, 1985.

II. Findings

A. Classification

The Agency continues to use its classification guide as a basis for derivative classification. The offices inspected have had sufficient experience in using the combined classification guide that replaced the individual guides used for each directorate. None of the personnel visited expressed any concern or encountered any significant problem in its use. The only problem encountered in derivative classification, in FY 1985, was reported in the ISOO inspection report of April 29, 1985, to the Director. The ISOO was informed that the problem would be resolved by utilizing the ISOO-produced slide presentation on classification marking.

B. Training

Personnel continue to receive extensive initial and refresher training by the Office of Training and Education on security, safeguarding, marking, and a wide variety of subjects. In addition, many of the offices provide additional training oriented to the directorate and office of assignment. Personnel are routinely monitored for the proper handling and safeguarding of classified information.

C. Safeguarding

The CIA has an excellent program for the handling, storage, and transmittal of classified information. The Agency routinely reviews and updates its

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distribution list to determine if the recipients continue to have a need-to-know. No deficiency in safeguarding procedures was detected during the course of the inspection.

D. Standard Form 189

Paragraph 1.a. of National Security Decision Directive 84 (NSDD-84), "Safeguarding National Security Information, signed by the President on March 11, 1983, states: "All persons with authorized access to classified information shall be required to sign a nondisclosure agreement as a condition of access. requirement may be implemented prospectively by agencies for which the administrative burden of compliance would otherwise be excessive. " Paragraph 1.c. of the Directive further states: "All agreements required in paragraphs 1.a. . . must be in a form determined by the Department of Justice to be enforceable in a civil action brought by the United States. The Director, Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), shall develop standardized forms that satisfy these requirements."

In order to fulfill his responsibility under the Directive and Section 5.2(b)(7) of Executive Order 12356, the Director of ISOO published regulations regarding the Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreement, SF 189, in the Federal Register, vol. 48, no. 176, September 9, 1983, 32 CFR Part 2003. of the standard form is mandatory for all departments and agencies or offices of the executive branch that create and/or handle national security information. The Register states: "Only the National Security Council may grant an agency's application for a waiver from the use of SF 189. To apply for a waiver, an agency must submit its proposed alternative nondisclosure agreement to the Director of ISOO, along with its justification. The Director of ISOO will request a determination about the alternative agreement's enforceability from the Department of Justice prior to making a recommendation to the National Security Council."

The CIA has failed to require its employees to sign the SF 189 or request a waiver. If the CIA believes that its present nondisclosure form meets or exceeds SF 189 and desires to continue to use its own form, then a waiver must be requested. If no waiver is requested, then the CIA should immediately implement the provisions of NSDD-84 and require its employees to sign SF 189.

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In its upcoming report to the President for FY 1985, ISOO has been asked to include an update on agency-by-agency implementation of the SF 189. The CIA will be noted as having taken no action on it.

III. Conclusion

The CIA's information security program is in compliance with Executive Order 12356 and the ISOO Directive No. 1, but the Agency has failed to implement the provisions of NSDD-84 by failing either to implement the SF 189 or to seek a waiver of its use.

IV. Recommendation

Expedite the signing of SF 189 by CIA employees, or request a waiver from its use.

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Appendix

CIA Offices Inspected in Fiscal Year 1985

Office of Scientific and Weapons Research, Deputy Director for Intelligence

Office of the Comptroller

Office of Communications

Security Education Group

Directorate of Operations branch components and offices

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

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SUBJECT:

NSDD-84: Safeguarding National Security Information

The President has approved the attached National Security Decision Directive on safeguarding national security information. The Director of the Information Security Oversight Office shall distribute copies of the Directive to any agency not listed above that originates or handles national security information.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

William P. Clark

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NSDD-84

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1983

National Security Decision Directive Number 84

Safeguarding National Security Information

As stated in Executive Order 12356, only that information whose disclosure would harm the national security interests of the United States may be classified. Every effort should be made to declassify information that no longer requires protection in the interest of national security.

At the same time, however, safeguarding against unlawful disclosures of properly classified information is a matter of grave concern and high priority for this Administration. In addition to the requirements set forth in Executive Order 12356, and based on the recommendations contained in the interdepartmental report forwarded by the Attorney General, I direct the following:

- 1. Each agency of the Executive Branch that originates or handles classified information shall adopt internal procedures to safeguard against unlawful disclosures of classified information. Such procedures shall at a minimum provide as follows:
 - a. All persons with authorized access to classified information shall be required to sign a nondisclosure agreement as a condition of access. This requirement may be implemented prospectively by agencies for which the administrative burden of compliance would otherwise be excessive.
 - b. All persons with authorized access to Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) shall be required to sign a nondisclosure agreement as a condition of access to SCI and other classified information. All such agreements must include a provision for prepublication review to assure deletion of SCI and other classified information.
 - c. All agreements required in paragraphs l.a. and l.b. must be in a form determined by the Department of Justice to be enforceable in a civil action brought by the United States. The Director, Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), shall develop standardized forms that satisfy these requirements.
 - d. Appropriate policies shall be adopted to govern contacts between media representatives and agency personnel, so as to reduce the opportunity for negligent or deliberate disclosures of classified information. All persons with authorized access to classified information shall be clearly apprised of the agency's policies in this regard.

- 2. Each agency of the Executive branch that originates or handles classified information shall adopt internal procedures to govern the reporting and investigation of unauthorized disclosures of such information. Such procedures shall at a minimum provide that:
 - a. All such disclosures that the agency considers to be seriously damaging to its mission and responsibilities shall be evaluated to ascertain the nature of the information disclosed and the extent to which it had been disseminated.
 - b. The agency shall conduct a preliminary internal investigation prior to or concurrently with seeking investigative assistance from other agencies.
 - c. The agency shall maintain records of disclosures so evaluated and investigated.
 - d. Agencies in the possession of classified information originating with another agency shall cooperate with the originating agency by conducting internal investigations of the unauthorized disclosure of such information.
 - e. Persons determined by the agency to have knowingly made such disclosures or to have refused cooperation with investigations of such unauthorized disclosures will be denied further access to classified information and subjected to other administrative sanctions as appropriate.
 - 3. Unauthorized disclosures of classified information shall be reported to the Department of Justice and the Information Security Oversight Office, as required by statute and Executive orders. The Department of Justice shall continue to review reported unauthorized disclosures of classified information to determine whether FBI investigation is warranted. Interested departments and agencies shall be consulted in developing criteria for evaluating such matters and in determining which cases should receive investigative priority. The FBI is authorized to investigate such matters as constitute potential violations of federal criminal law, even though administrative sanctions may be sought instead of criminal prosecution.
 - 4. Nothing in this directive is intended to modify or preclude interagency agreements between FBI and other criminal investigative agencies regarding their responsibility for conducting investigations within their own agencies or departments.
 - 5. The Office of Personnel Management and all departments and agencies with employees having access to classified information are directed to revise existing regulations and policies, as necessary, so that employees may be required to submit to polygraph examinations, when appropriate, in the course of investigations of unauthorized disclosures of classified information. As a minimum, such regulations shall permit an agency to decide that appropriate

adverse consequences will follow an employee's refusal to cooperate with a polygraph examination that is limited in scope to the circumstances of the unauthorized disclosure under investigation. Agency regulations may provide that only the head of the agency, or his delegate, is empowered to order an employee to submit to a polygraph examination. Results of polygraph examinations should not be relied upon to the exclusion of other information obtained during investigations.

6. The Attorney General, in consultation with the Director, Office of Personnel Management, is requested to establish an interdepartmental group to study the federal personnel security program and recommend appropriate revisions in existing Executive orders, regulations, and guidelines.